

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the October 17, 2011, January 23, 2012, and January 31, 2012 meeting.
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
 - 8.1 None
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 Exploration of web donations via the City's website.

BACKGROUND: The City of San Francisco recently launched Give2SF.org (<http://give2sf.org>) to provide a simple, official online portal for donors to give to City departments and programs within the City and County of San Francisco. The Commission has asked the City to explore the possibility of having similar functionality on the City's website. The City's Information Technology Services Department and Finance Department are in the process of scheduling a demonstration with Civic Plus, the City's web developer, to review automated payment and donation options within the next 30 days.

RECOMMENDATION: Defer to March HRC meeting.

9.2 Screening of movie “Vincent Who?”

BACKGROUND: At the January HRC meeting, Commissioners discussed the possibility of sponsoring a viewing of the documentary “Vincent Who?” The film explores the murder of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American, by autoworkers in Detroit in 1982, and the subsequent Asian American civil rights movement that was catalyzed by this tragic event. No action was taken by the Commission. Since the last meeting, Commissioner La was able to purchase a DVD copy of the movie.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the possibility of sponsoring a public screening of this documentary.

9.3 HRC Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The Commission has developed a work plan that includes various tasks and events through calendar year 2011 and has requested staff include the work plan as a standing item on the agenda. At its October 2011 meeting, Commissioners agreed to review the 2011 work plan of each committee and identify edits that could be applied to a new work plan for calendar years 2012 and 2013. The Commission also requested that each Committee’s primary tasks be added to the work plan.

Enclosure: 9.3.1 HRC 2012-2013 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Schedule a time for the commission to review and develop work plan for the next two

9.4 Human Relations Award Discussion

BACKGROUND: The Commission is considering an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens. Demonstrating this pursuit may include showing leadership in inter-cultural affairs, human services, community action, or humanitarian endeavors. Individuals would be recognized in the Tri-City Voice.

At its October 2011 meeting, the Commission finalized its award criteria. The work associated with this award was added to the Community Outreach Committee. The Committee has met and is proposing a panel of five community judges to review award candidates and choose the winners. The Committee would like each Commissioner to bring the names of two potential judges for the award by tonight’s meeting.

Enclosure: 9.4.1 Draft HRC Award Application

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss next steps.

9.5 Opportunities for Collaboration with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission.

BACKGROUND: At the January HRC meeting, Chair Hoffman reported on her discussion with Norm Budman, Alameda County Human Relations Commissioner, regarding the possibility of the HRC and the County Commission working together on human relations issues. Staff suggested that the screening of the “Vincent Who?” documentary might potentially be of interest on a county-wide basis and a good vehicle for a joint project. Other potential topics for discussion at a joint meeting include MADD and the Human Relations yearly conference. The next dates scheduled for the Alameda County Human Relations Commission are March 28 and April 24 (fourth Wednesday of each month) from 6-8 in Hayward.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss possible projects and time frame for collaboration with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendized discussion or taken action).

10.1 2012 SF Pride Parade

BACKGROUND: In 2011, the Commission officially represented the City in the SF Pride parade and recommended the City Council adopt a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month. The next San Francisco Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, 2012. Staff is in the process of preparing the application and agenda item for council. Commission may wish to organize a subcommittee to help with logistical arrangements and to encourage others to take part in the parade.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss preparation for Gay Pride Parade and Commission forming a subcommittee to encourage participation of groups in the city and to assist with logistics.

10.2 Human Services Budget/Grant Review

BACKGROUND: One of the roles of the Commission is to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding social service needs and City funding support for non-profit social service agencies in the community. In 2010, the Human Relations Commission recommended (and Council approved) fourteen agencies for three years of funding, assuming satisfactory performance and continued availability of funds. The current 2011-12 fiscal year is the second year of a three-year funding

cycle. Commissioners have visited all of the current grantees and staff is in the process of evaluating satisfactory performance.

Staff would like to provide an update on the federal block grant and General Fund sources that support the social service grants and share its concerns with regards to the FY 2012/13 Human Services Grants and the potential need to initiate an immediate RFP process.

RECOMMENDATION: Assess the pros and cons of initiating an immediate RFP process and take action accordingly.

10.3 Referral to the City Council to Name Police Building after Bob Wasserman

BACKGROUND: Chair Hoffman would like to discuss the possibility of a referral to the City Council to name the police building after Mayor Bob Wasserman. Chair Hoffman suggests using the following wording for the referral: “Bob Wasserman embraced social justice, appointing commissioners from many backgrounds. He encouraged social and religious pluralism, guiding Fremont as it transformed into a multicultural city.” There is a precedent for the naming of civic buildings after former mayors, notably the Leon J. Mezzetti Maintenance Center, which is named after Mayor Leon Mezzetti.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss possible referral.

10.4 Partnership with FUSD on “Head, Heart and Hands – 8 Great Traits”

BACKGROUND: Jim Morris, Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Superintendent has emailed staff with information regarding FUSD’s character education, and human relations effort, “Head, Heart and Hands - 8 Great Traits.” Linda Anderson, Principal at Oliveira Elementary School, and Mr. Morris would like to start a conversation with the Human Relations Commission about how the City might become involved in this project. Should the Commission be interested, Mr. Morris would like to attend a future HRC meeting to further discuss the program.

Enclosure: 10.4.1 – Summary of “8 Great Traits”

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and decide next steps.

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS**

11.1 None

12. **STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)**

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Chair Hoffman and Commissioners Walsh and Campbell works to:

- a. Participate in the Community Advisory and Engagement Board (CAEB) at Family Resource Center (FRC) – workshops and/or forums
- b. Review, evaluate and oversee the Social Service Grant Program
- c. Conduct workshops and/or forums which are beneficial to local non profits.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Watanuki (Lead), Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner La works to:

- a. Educate and empower the community on important social issues.
- b. Respond to current issues and concerns
- c. Hold events, workshops, and forums

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update on symposium.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Leung, Vuppala, Campbell and Chair Hoffman works to:

- a. Improve visibility of the HRC
- b. Improve youth involvement
- c. Work with other Commissions to serve the entire community
- d. Organize a Film series

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners Walsh, La and Campbell works to promote the needs of the community to City Leadership

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update and add additional committee members to replace former commissioners.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

BACKGROUND: Committee will work to coordinate a city-wide day of volunteering on October 27, 2012. Staff has submitted a summary the

City's 2011 MADD efforts to USA Today, and is being considered for \$10,000 City award.

RECOMMENDATION: Defer Item until March 2012 meeting.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Receive reports from Commissioners on relevant meetings/events.

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. ADJOURNMENT